

MARVEL
COMICS

SPIDER-MAN

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ST. PIERRE
RAIMIOTTI '99



MR. STONE! I
THOUGHT YOU'D
LEFT FOR THE
NIGHT.

LIFE SIGNS STABILIZED.
WE CAN COMMENCE TRIAL
AND PUNISHMENT AT YOUR
ORDER, SIR.

I DID. REPORT
ON KASEY NASH,
LIEUTENANT?

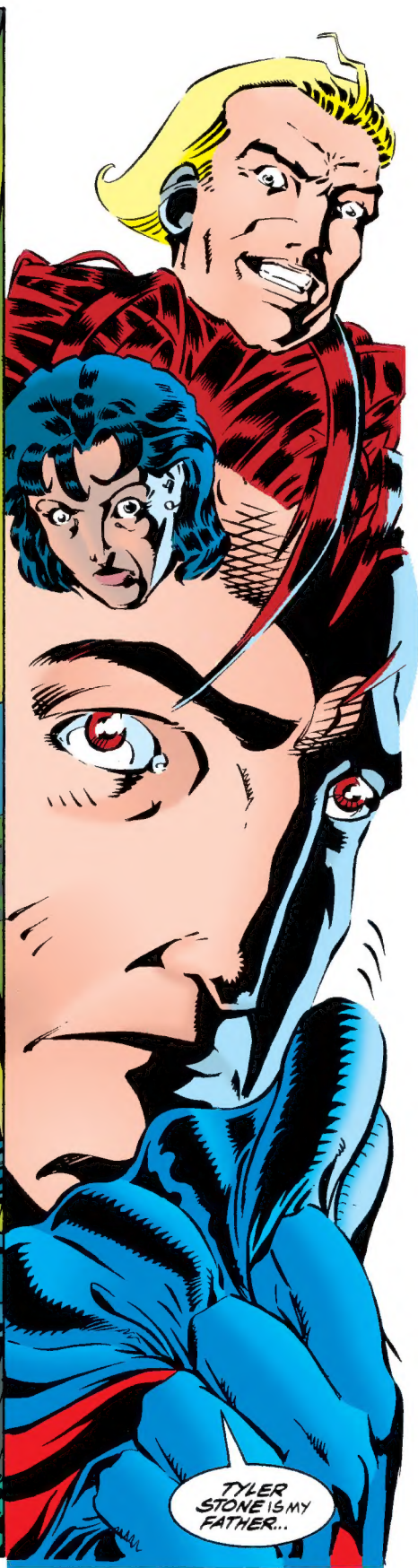
REMOVE HER ARMOR
AND GET HER OUT OF
HERE. I'LL GIVE YOU
AN ADDRESS TO
DELIVER HER TO.

WE'RE...WE'RE
KICKING HER,
SIR? MAY I
ASK WHY?

BECAUSE,
LIEUTENANT...

...SOMETIMES
CIRCUMSTANCES
FORCE US TO
UNUSUAL
SOLUTIONS.



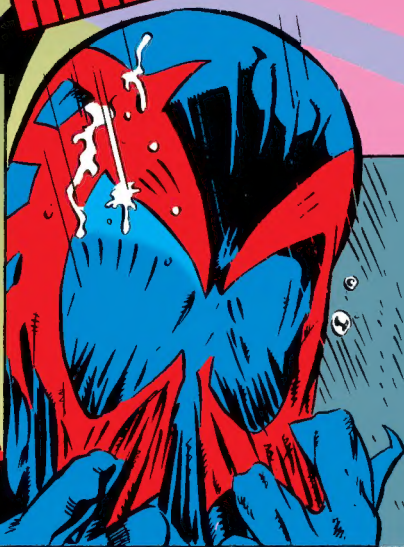
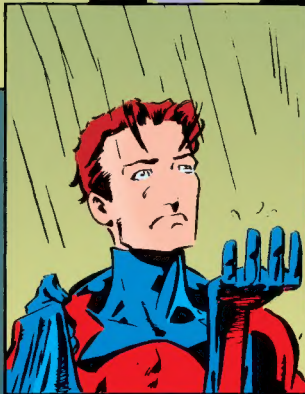


I TURNED INTO A SPIDER FREAK TO SHAKE AN ADDICTION I NEVER HAD...

MY ENTIRE LIFE IS A LIE.

LORD IN HEAVEN, WHAT ELSE CAN HAPPEN TO M--

KRAKOOOM

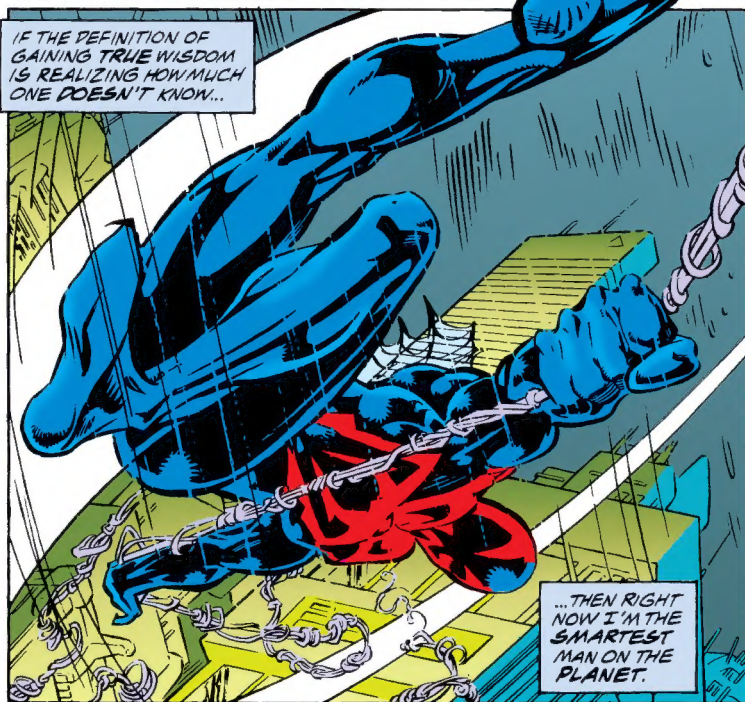


ONCE UPON A TIME, MY EXISTENCE WAS NICE AND ORDERED.

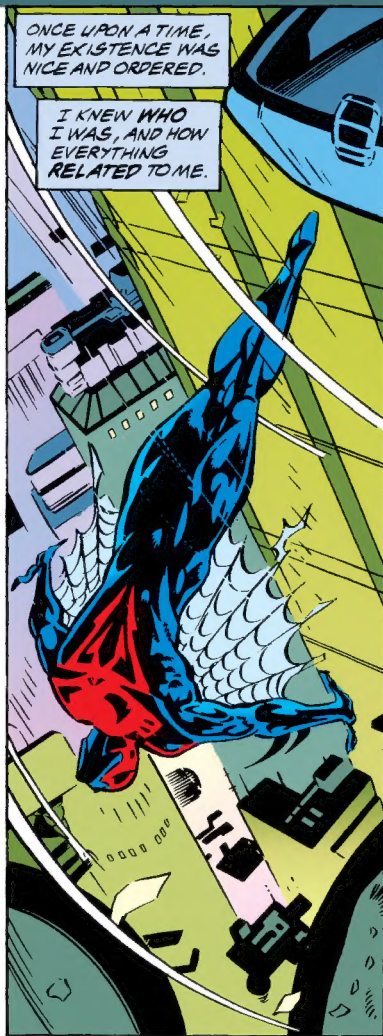
I KNEW WHO I WAS, AND HOW EVERYTHING RELATED TO ME.



IF THE DEFINITION OF GAINING TRUE WISDOM IS REALIZING HOW MUCH ONE DOESN'T KNOW...



...THEN RIGHT NOW I'M THE SMARTEST MAN ON THE PLANET.



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I'M... I'M JUST NOT
SURE IF I CAN LIVE
WITH THAT STATUS.



RATHER... AGGRESSIVE, AS IT TURNS OUT. PERHAPS OVERLY SO, AS YOU CAN HEAR.

WELL, NO ONE EVER SAID GENE MANIPULATION WAS AN EXACT SCIENCE.

**THOOM
THOOM
THOOM**

YOU DON'T THINK WE'LL ACTUALLY HAVE TO LET HIM OUT, DO YOU?

IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE AND WE NEED HIM, THEN YES.

SHOULD THAT OCCUR, I MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER TAKING SOME VACATION TIME.

SERGEANT ESTEVEZ? HOW ARE WE DOING TODAY?

GRRRRREAT.



YOU SEEM *TACITURN*, MIGUEL. DO YOU WISH ME TO HOLD YOUR CALLS?

YEAH, LYLIA, WHY DON'T YOU D--



LYLIA?
YOU'RE BACK?

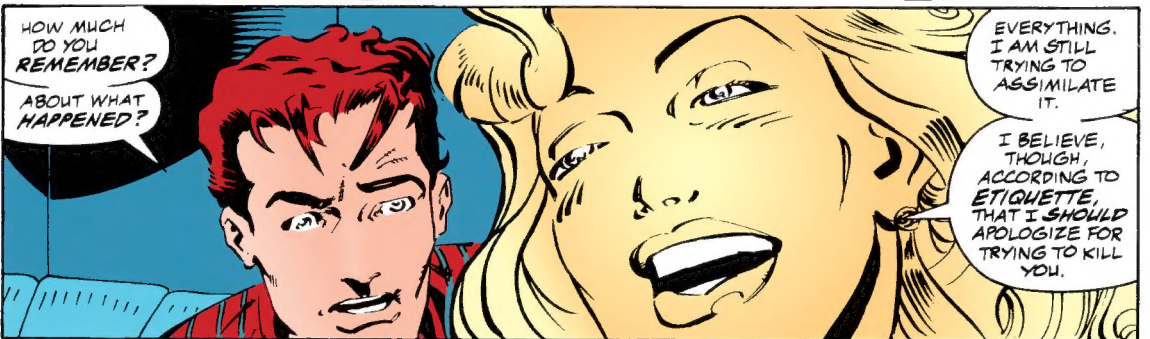
NO, MIGUEL, THIS IS MY FRONT.



LYLIA!
YOU'RE--

OH, RIGHT. SORRY.

IT IS...
PLEASING TO SEE YOU AS WELL, MIGUEL.



HOW MUCH DO YOU REMEMBER?
ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED?

EVERYTHING. I AM STILL TRYING TO ASSIMILATE IT.

I BELIEVE, THOUGH, ACCORDING TO ETIQUETTE, THAT I *SHOULD* APOLOGIZE FOR TRYING TO KILL YOU.



S'OKAY.

YOUR FACE HAS **EXCESSIVE** MOISTURE, INDICATIVE OF TEARS. HAS SOMETHING CAUSED YOU **DISTRESS**?

OH...YEAH. I FOUND OUT TYLER STONE IS MY FATHER.



HOW NICE. SHALL I ADD HIM TO YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD LIST?



WOW, I MISSED YOU.

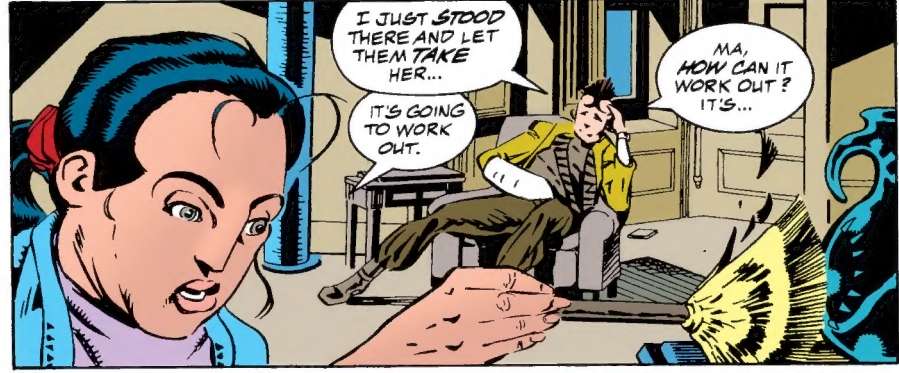
LYLA, CAN I PLACE A CALL THAT YOU CAN **SCRAMBLE** SO THOROUGHLY, IT'S UNTRACEABLE?

OF COURSE, MIGUEL. I HAVE **PARANOIA PERFECT 6.0** AS PART OF MY BASIC PROGRAMMING.



"GOOD. I WANT A DIRECT LINE FEED TO STARK-FUTIKAWA. TELL THEM SPIDER-MAN WANTS TO TALK TO THEIR CEO... NOW."

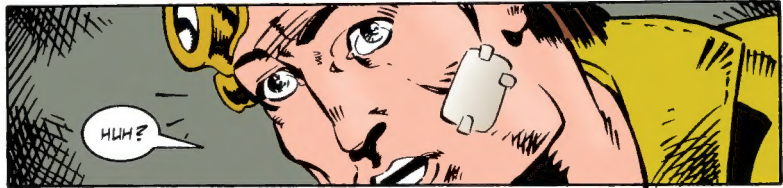
I...I LET HER DOWN, MA.



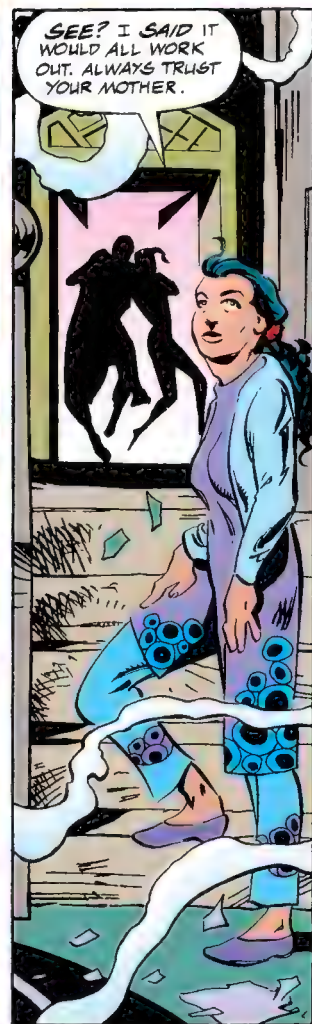
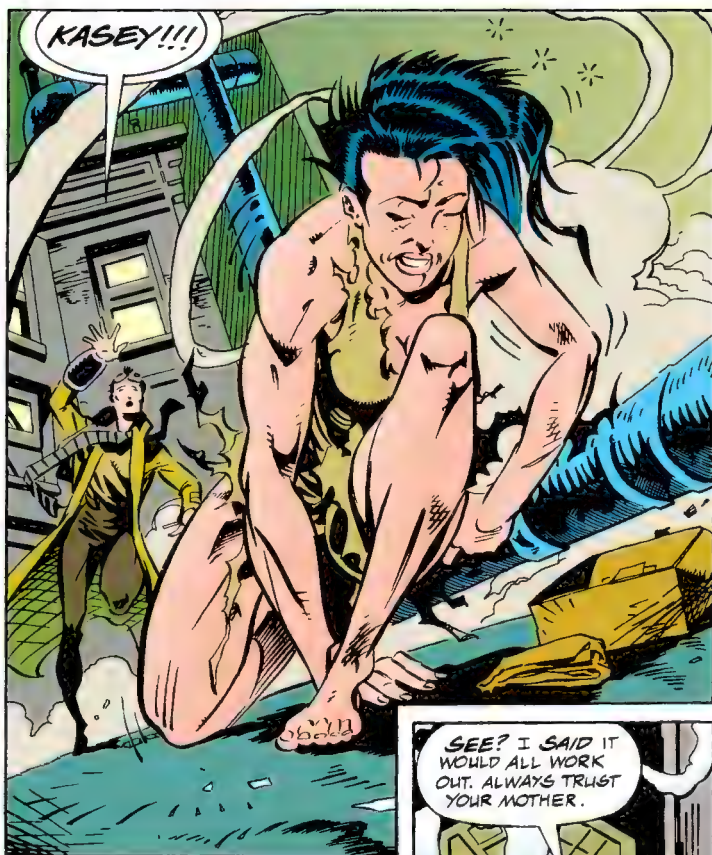
I JUST **STOOD** THERE AND LET THEM TAKE HER...

IT'S GOING TO WORK OUT.

MA, HOW CAN IT WORK OUT? IT'S...



HUH?



HOW DO I KNOW YOU
ARE THE GENUINE
ITEM? YOU COULD BE
AN IMPOSTOR.

I WANT TO
KNOW WHY YOU
DRAGGED KASEY
INTO TH--

WAIT A
MINUTE. I'VE
SEEN YOU
BEFORE...

THE LIMO!
I SAVED YOUR
BUTT!

SO...
IT'S
YOU.

UNDERSTAND,
THEN. I HAVE
TAKEN THE
OPPORTUNITY TO
BALANCE THE
SCALES.

YOUR ACTIONS
AGAINST MY
UNDERLING, THE
SPECIALIST, WAS
AN INSULT TO
US.

ON THE OTHER
HAND, YOUR RESCUING
ME PUT ME IN YOUR
DEBT. ONE, HOWEVER,
DID NOT FULLY
BALANCE OUT THE
OTHER. SO I TOOK
STEPS TO SETTLE
THE MATTER.

WE EMPOWERED
KASEY NASH... A
WOMAN WE HAVE
REASON TO BELIEVE
IS IMPORTANT TO YOU,
AS THE SPECIALIST
WAS IMPORTANT TO
US.

WE THEN THRUST
HER INTO THE PUBLIC,
BEFORE SHE WAS
PROPERLY TRAINED,
CERTAIN THAT THE
RESULTS WOULD BE
DISASTROUS FOR HER.
AND THEY WERE.



AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED, THE SCALES ARE NOW FULLY AND TRULY BALANCED.

YOU CREEPS! SHE WAS AN INNOCENT!

DO NOT BE NAIVE.

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!

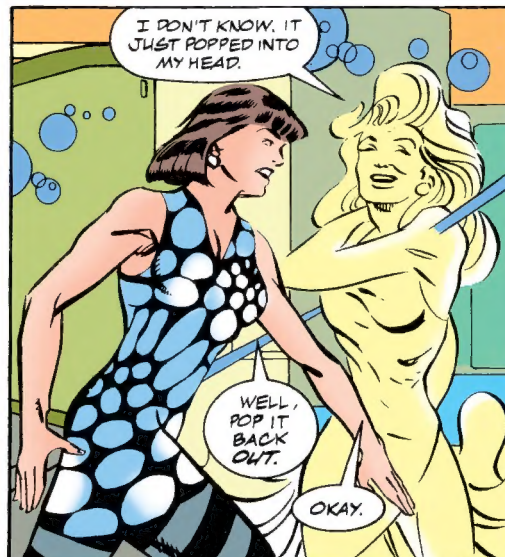
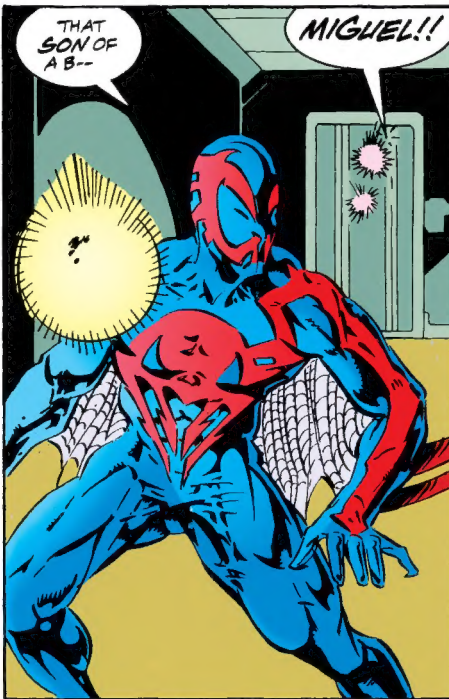


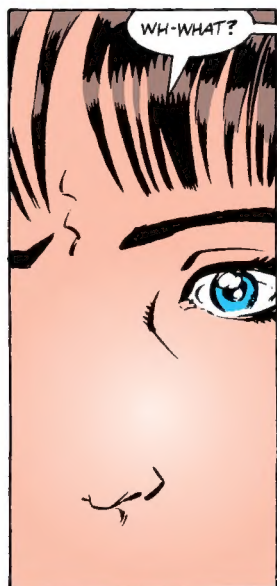
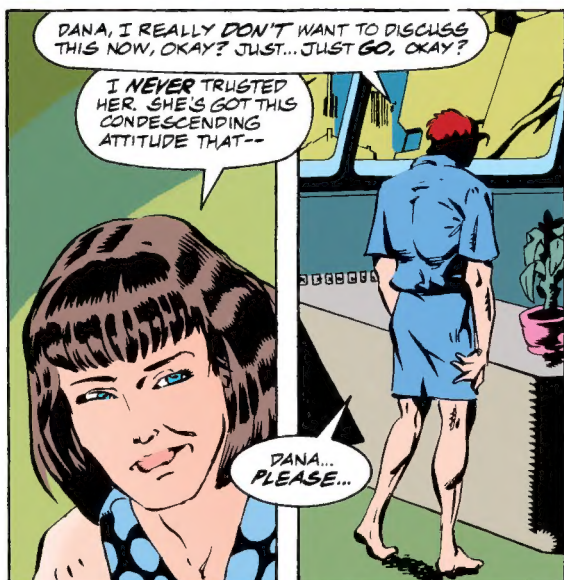
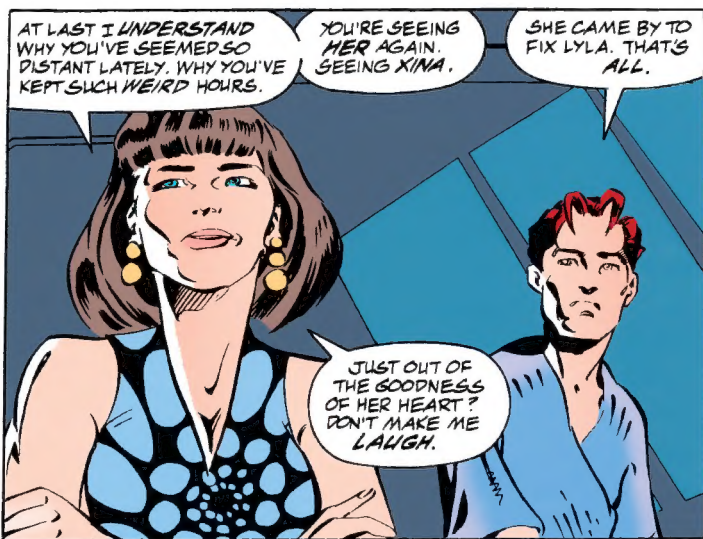
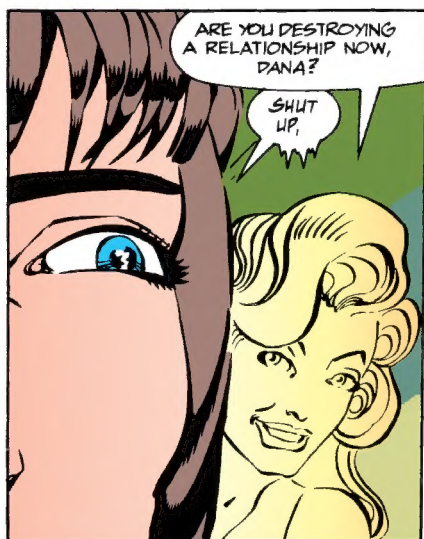
NOT IF YOU ARE WISE. DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE OUR RESOURCES.

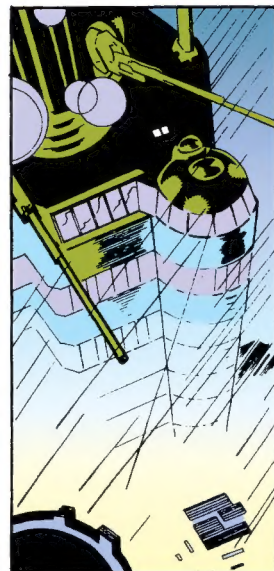
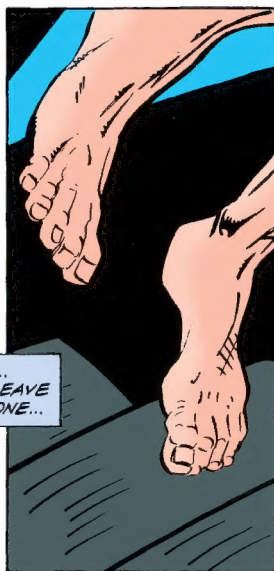
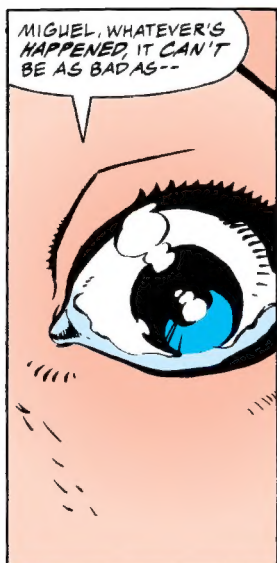
WE FOUND KASEY. WE CAN FIND OTHERS THAT YOU CHERISH. I AM DISINCLINED TO MAKE YOU A PARIAH, SO I ADVISE YOU NOT TO FORCE MY HAND.

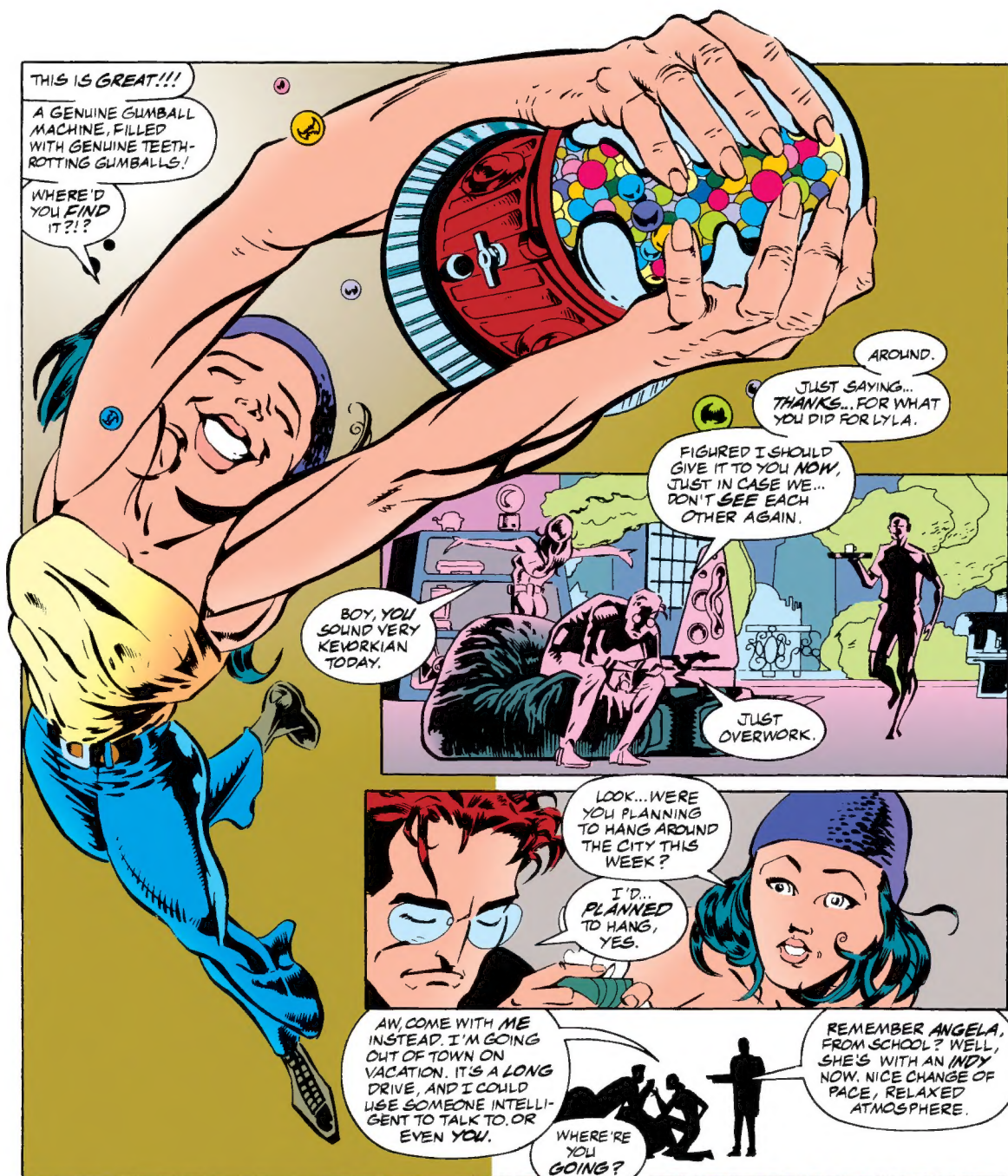


DO NOT CALL ME AGAIN. THAT ALSO WOULD BE A SIGN OF DISRESPECT... AND UNWISE.









THIS IS GREAT!!!

A GENUINE GUMBALL MACHINE, FILLED WITH GENUINE TEETH-ROT-ROTTING GUMBALLS!

WHERE'D YOU FIND IT???

AROUND.

JUST SAYING... THANKS... FOR WHAT YOU DID FOR LYLA.

FIGURED I SHOULD GIVE IT TO YOU NOW, JUST IN CASE WE... DON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.

BOY, YOU SOUND VERY KEVORKIAN TODAY.

JUST OVERWORK.

LOOK... WERE YOU PLANNING TO HANG AROUND THE CITY THIS WEEK?

I'D... PLANNED TO HANG, YES.

AW, COME WITH ME INSTEAD. I'M GOING OUT OF TOWN ON VACATION. IT'S A LONG DRIVE, AND I COULD USE SOMEONE INTELLIGENT TO TALK TO. OR EVEN YOU.

WHERE'RE YOU GOING?

REMEMBER ANGELA, FROM SCHOOL? WELL, SHE'S WITH AN *INDY* NOW. NICE CHANGE OF PACE, RELAXED ATMOSPHERE.



THE IDEAL REST CURE, GUARANTEED.

HECK, WHEN HAVE I EVER STEERED YOU WRONG?

NEXT:
DEADLY
NIGHTSHADE